

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes**

**Monday**  
**January 6, 2003**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center**  
**2700 N. Woodland**  
**Lounge Clubroom**

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center located at 2700 N. Woodland. In attendance were (10) District Advisory Board Members, (9) City staff members and (10) citizens. Approximately (29) were in attendance.

**Members Present**

Dick Rumsey  
Maurine Willis  
Bob Schreck  
Annie Best  
Bickley Foster  
Jaya Escobar  
Kyle Irvin-youth  
Linda Matney  
Rosalie Bradley  
Bob Wine  
Terri Dozal  
Sharon Fearey

**Members Absent**

Florena Schneweis  
David Pendergraft  
John Cohoon

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Council Member Fearey** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests, as well as asking DAB members to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

**Approval of Minutes**

December 2, 2002 minutes were approved with the following amendments  
(Schreck/Rumsey8-0)

- ☐ Under Announcements the date stated for the DAB retreat was listed as January 18<sup>th</sup> and should read January 15<sup>th</sup> and the Neighborhood Forum date should read January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Member Best** arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the amendment to include an “ awards presentation” at the beginning of the meeting. (Foster/Wine 9-0)

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

*No items were submitted*

**PRESENTATION**

**Member Bradley** presented to DAB VI a *Celebrate Safely Plaque* recognizing their efforts to increase public safety by decreasing celebratory gunfire on New Year’s Eve.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Community Police Report**

*Officer Silva, Patrol North* commented on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> the Community Police Team held a Warrant sting and made 14 arrests from 25 bench warrants. *Silva* has assisted in tutoring at North Chappell School and on December 5<sup>th</sup> the school kids assisted in decorating Christmas trees. Also *Silva* commented he had been busy with the Celebrate Safely campaign for Interfaith Ministries and Historic Midtown Citizens Association. 12,000 flyers were passed out to the neighborhoods on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. This New Years was pretty quiet and calls were decreased. This has been done now for 5 years.

*Officer Kimble Patrol North* reintroduced himself as the new Community Police officer in Beat 49. There had been a burglary ring in the area and four suspects have been arrested clearing up five burglaries. *Kimble* has been assisting in Beat 48 working on traffic problems. The traffic trailer was put out to let people know their speed limit. *Kimble* also continued working on the "Operation Holiday" and "Celebrate Safely" projects.

*Tim Devine* from the Benjamin Hills neighborhood association asked if the CP officer is who to talk to about traffic problems? *Kimble* responded yes, the CP could assist in coordinating the traffic trailer in your area.

**Member Schreck** asked about 35th & N. Broadway a used car lot parking cars out onto curb past the fence into the street.

**Member Foster** inquired about the accident on 25<sup>th</sup> / & Halstead. What happened? Officer Kimble stated he didn't know but would look into both inquiries.

*Lt. Guy Schroeder acting Captain for Patrol North* commented 15 calls came into the Bureau; some were complaints on fireworks and gunshots. Mainly New Years Eve calls were about domestic violence. The traffic problems we are looking at with the Radar trailer. We will direct efforts to weekends for the trailer.

*Officer Kyle Patrol West, Beat 11* stated at Westdale & Zoo there had been some accidents. *Kyle* is working on the Sims park project to make the area family oriented. We will be using mounted units and bicycles. *Kyle* assisted **The Arc** with their Christmas light display and New Year's was very quiet.

**\*\*\*\*\*Recommended Action: Receive and File**

### **2. Traffic Issues Update and Review**

*Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer* reviewed the four following projects and listened to comments from DAB members and the public.

#### **Sunflower Community Action's Committee's Traffic Control Request- See Attachment 1**

Several traffic control measures were proposed to improve safety at neighborhood intersections by the Sunflower Community Action committee. The measures are intended to better alert and advise motorists of problem intersections. The following intersections considered have known some fatal accidents

- Market and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Park Place and 17<sup>th</sup>

- Fairview and 20<sup>th</sup>

**Member Foster** asked do you evaluate differently the traffic patterns if an accident is reviewed as a DUI?

*Mr. Logan* stated yes, and we also include other factors such as the weather and vehicle. Large alcohol related accident was at 23<sup>rd</sup>/ & Market. Unfortunate for the young girl who died but these are random accidents.

**Foster** asked what is being done about education for these problems? *Mr. Logan* did not know.

**Member Schreck** asked if the white line is critical at a stop? *Logan* stated it allows low compliance rate. Better placement of Stop signs with flags is needed.

It was commented the house at 17<sup>th</sup> and Park Place had been hit three times and we need flags for people to see the stop. *Logan* commented with car's speeding they don't see the stop, they are floor boarding and don't make the curve even though it's a wide street.

**Member Escobar** asked if parking is allowed on both sides at 17<sup>th</sup>/ & Park Place?

Congestion causes accidents? *Logan* responded there is not a high volume of parking at that location.

Resident *Carol June* has lived at 19<sup>th</sup> and Jackson for 16 years stated with cars parked on 17<sup>th</sup> Street you couldn't see flags at night. We propose reflective lights be put on the flags so they can be seen at night.

*Logan* stated the traffic check results were very unusual; we will need to re-check on weekends and nights.

*June* stated the uniqueness between 17<sup>th</sup> and Market; 17<sup>th</sup> and Park Place and 23<sup>rd</sup> and Market is no Police presence. They need to be there to monitor the speeding.

Resident *Erin Flory* proposed if at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Market reflective flags on the stop signs could be placed?

**Member Matney** asked how many days were traffic counts done? *Logan* responded over 100 vehicles during the weekday were looked at.

**Member Schreck** asked if it's possible to put reflective tape on the flags? *Logan* responded it's very expensive. We are going to look at the street lighting.

There were no further questions asked.

\*\*\*\*\***Recommended Action: Receive and File**

#### **Arkansas Traffic Study See Attachment 2**

DAB members previously asked the traffic engineer to review traffic concerns along Arkansas Ave. from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. *Mr. Logan* returned to give a brief report on the traffic study. *Logan* stated the primary concern for this report was the potential higher speeds that may result after improving street conditions along Arkansas. The traffic study shows how staff evaluated the speeds, conditions and accidents that impact traffic safety.

**Member Schreck** asked about Earhart School, North of 43<sup>rd</sup> on Arkansas. *Logan* stated the school had been taken into consideration when evaluating safety. Arkansas from 29<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> isn't slated for improvement until 2007. *Logan* said the street was pretty bad already and possibly needed to have some black top done sooner to the road.

\*\*\*\*\***Recommended Action: Receive and File**

**Benjamin Hills Traffic Committee's Recommendations      See Attachment 3**

Mr. Logan gave a brief overview of the reason for the traffic study. Following approval of the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over the floodway by City Council and recommended by DAB VI, **Council Member Fearey** asked the Benjamin Hills Neighborhood Association to work with City staff to address traffic concerns in the neighborhood including a wide range of issues. After five months of evaluations the Benjamin Hills Neighborhood Traffic Committee made two recommendations on traffic concerns.

- 1) Place two-way stop signs on Hyacinth stopping traffic at Columbine and Benjamin to reduce “through” traffic flow along the streets.
- 2) Install flashing beacons (or traffic signal) on Halstead at 25<sup>th</sup> street intersection to address the adverse conditions.

Mr. Logan commented that March 1, 2003 Westdale street would be closing for two months and at that time the City would measure traffic volumes on some streets.

Following are questions or comments from DAB and public with *responses in Italics*.

- ❖ What is the set back requirement? *Certain areas depend on speed and intersecting of property line.*
- ❖ With 1300 vehicles per day (VPD) on Hyacinth, could you tell if it was neighborhood or cut through? *Hyacinth has a school located there, which creates a traffic jam. Once Westdale is closed we can do a better review.*
- ❖ Stops signs would slow down traffic? *The study shows this.*
- ❖ Was this street built to hold 1000 VPD? *Yes but it is getting more volume than you want to see.*
- ❖ With the city not closing Westdale once the 25<sup>th</sup>/ street bridge is built, we didn’t want diverters that would divide the neighborhood. Wouldn’t stop signs slow down traffic and eliminate some cost and problems? Would 4 way stops be greater? *Yes, but it’s also a safety issue due to less compliance*
- ❖ Our concern is to slow down traffic on Hyacinth. Will the Stop sign indicate it’s 2-way stop? *No, that’s stated only for 4-way stops.*
- ❖ Benjamin Hills neighborhood will there be a “Stop Ahead” notification at the curve on Hyacinth, North of Columbine? These are really long blocks, which divert people going out of their way in a non-standard pattern. *I am not recommending stop signs as speed reducers.*
- ❖ Is Hyacinth a collector street? *No, a local street.*
- ❖ This is a good plan by having signs stating cross **traffic doesn’t stop**. These should be placed at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Market and at 17<sup>th</sup> and Park Place.
- ❖ We travel down this area a lot. The median along 25<sup>th</sup> street forces people to travel through neighborhood.

**Council Member Fearey** asked if the traffic committee and City staff were in agreement with meeting outcomes? Response was yes.

**\*\*\*\*\*Recommended Action:** Motion made to recommend stop signs on Hyacinth at Columbine. Put “cross traffic does not stop” on stop signs where needed. Put “stop ahead” signs north of Columbine on Hyacinth. Approve flashing signal at Halstead and 25<sup>th</sup>.  
(Rumsey/Schreck 9-0)

**Sidewalk Construction Priorities along Major Streets See Attachment 4**

Mr. Logan discussed the project the City is undertaking to construct sidewalks along major streets within the community to promote safety and convenience for pedestrians.

Logan reviewed the priorities for District 6 with DAB members. Following are their questions or comments. *Responses in Italics*

- Where are Amidon and Lisa Lane at 21<sup>st</sup>? *It's on the Westside of the river*
- Are you looking at the North side of 25<sup>th</sup> street because of fewer houses and properties. *South side setback is short; people would have to park on sidewalk.*
- Will you also look at bike paths and see how many would combine to sidewalks and could be constructed together. *Yes*
- Will KDOT help with funding? *Don't know*
- Arkansas areas how much foot traffic to schools? Long section for no sidewalk on Arkansas.
- Sidewalks wouldn't be used on North side of 25th street due to no properties.
- what's the rule on bicycles? Bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks in downtown traffic area. *Lt. Schroeder* stated riding bicycles on sidewalks was not enforced too much.
- Just continue to keep us informed and work these into other projects if possible maybe alongside sewer/water projects.

Mr. Logan stated with the wheelchair ramps almost done this will leave more money for sidewalks.

\*\*\*\*\***Recommended Action:** Motion to leave ranking as presented. (Approve staff recommendations) (Matney/Willis 9-0)

**Member Foster** thanked Mr. Logan for all his work on all the reports. You did a lot of work.

**Member Matney** asked since we made motions made on the last two presentations, do we need motions for the first two presentations? Logan stated no.

**BOARD AGENDA**

3. **Problem Properties**

*No items were submitted*

4. **Neighborhood Reports**

*Sherwood Glen:* We have installed the railings over the bridge and sidewalk and some plants.

**Council Member Fearey** commented Sherwood Glen neighborhood had worked hard and with their efforts were able to succeed in their project.

*Jerry Prichard* asked who would do sidewalk maintenance if it's on mixed property? Who is responsible? It's the property owner responsibility.

\*\*\*\*\***Recommended Action:** Receive and file

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **DAB Retreat** – Wednesday, January 15, 2003
- B. **Neighborhood Forum** for January 25, 2003 is to set district goals
- C. The election packet is now available on the City homepage under **"Hot Topics Around Wichita!"**
- D. WIN meeting: January 8, 2003 at the United Way office at 5:30 p.m.

**Member Schreck** announced he had traveled with Air Tran and had an unpleasant trip. He wrote to them and Air Tran responded that they would be correcting the problem and gave him a discount for future flights.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal  
6<sup>th</sup> District Neighborhood Assistant

**Guest(s)**

Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence, 67203
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow, 67204
Joe Rodriguez	825 E. Douglas, 67201
John Van Walleghe	2524 Hyacinth
Nazario Garcia	2350 N. Hood
Antome Ibarra	2303 Jackson
Tim Devine	2543 Bullinger
Carol June	2003 Jackson
Ron Porter	1758 Jackson Ave.
Erin Flory	1528 N. Broadway

**Staff**

Scott Logan	Traffic Engineer
Lt. Guy Schroeder	Patrol North
Officer Frank Silva	patrol North
Officer Kimble	Patrol North
Officer Kyle	Patrol West
2 police officers	Patrol North